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COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, May 23, 2007
Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter
Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Vice Chair Haggerty called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. In addition to Vice Chair Dodd, the following Commissioners were present: Bates, Blanchard, Chu, Cortese, Giacomini, Glover, Kinsey, Lempert, Rubin, Sartipi, Sperring, Tissier, Worth and Yeager.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chair Haggerty presented the Chair's report to the Commission.

Joint Policy Committee

Vice Chair Haggerty requested on behalf of Chair Dodd the appointment of Commissioner Ken Yeager to serve as MTC representative on the Joint Policy Committee. The other MTC representatives include Commissioners: Bates, Dodd, Kinsey, Lempert, Rubin and Sperring.

Resolution No. 3816

Resolution of appreciation for Tom Margro, BART's General Manager on the occasion of his retirement. The Commission unanimously approved resolution No. 3816.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Steve Heminger presented the Executive Director's report to the Commission. Copies of the report are available from the Executive Office.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Commission unanimously approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

- Minutes of the Commission meeting of April 25, 2007.

Programming Committee

- Resolution No. 3751, Revised – Allocation of \$7.7 million in State Transit Assistance funds to AC Transit for vehicle replacement.
- Resolution No. 3788, Revised – Revision to the Lifeline Program of Projects to include the San Jose Auto Repair Assistance Program using Santa Clara County's un-programmed Lifeline balance.

Draft MTC Standing Committee Minutes

Draft Committee minutes of the following standing committees were presented for information only; they were provided as background information for items that were being taken up by the full commission.

- Draft Minutes of the Administration Committee Meeting – May 9, 2007.
- Draft Minutes of the Programming & Allocations Committee Meeting – May 9, 2007.
- Draft Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting – May 11, 2007.
- Draft Minutes of the Legislation Committee Meeting – May 11, 2007.
- Draft Minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting – May 11, 2007.

Draft MTC Advisory Committee Minutes

Draft Advisory Committee minutes were presented for Commission information only.

- Minutes of the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee Meeting – May 3, 2007.
- Minutes of the Advisory Council Meeting – May 9, 2007.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Administration Committee – Blanchard**

- FY 2006-07 Budget Amendment for the 2007 Spare the Air/Free Transit Campaign Program. This amendment will increase the agency budget to \$8.5 million to cover the 2007 Spare the Air/Free Transit Campaign.

Commissioner Sue Lempert expressed concerns regarding the cost-effectiveness of the Spare the Air Campaign. While she supports the current request, she wants to ensure future analysis of the program captures the number of new, continuing transit riders. She also wants to explore the potential for private sector funding contributions.

The Commission received public comment from the following:

- Luna Salaver, Senior Public Information Officer for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and Project Manager for Spare the Air Campaign — spoke about MTC and BAAQMD public surveys conducted on spare the air days and indicated there being an 81% recognition of the program to benefit air quality in the region and not just about free transit.
- Jerry Grace – Expressed his contentment of the program and asked how many days of free transit were included in the program.
- Craig Thomas Yates, Marin County – Offered his opinion to close more highways for a free public transit participation alternative.

The Commission unanimously approved the FY 2006-07 Budget Amendment for the 2007 Spare the Air/Free Transit Campaign Program after receipt of public comment.

Programming & Allocations Committee - Tissier

The Commission unanimously approved the following:

- Resolution No. 3800, Revised – Revisions to the 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Augmentation to prioritize and reduce or eliminate funding for five projects to better align funding to the county target.
- Resolution No. 3814 – Proposition 1B Regional Transit Funding.

This resolution was unanimously postponed until the next Commission meeting on June 27, 2007, to allow for continued discussion with transit agencies on funding options.

- Resolution Nos. 3650, Revised, and 3815 – RM2 Proposed Capital and Operating funds allocation totaling approximately \$21 million in capital funds for the following projects: a \$20 million allocation to BART for construction of the Pleasant Hill Crossover Project and \$1 million allocation to SF Municipal Transportation Authority for preparatory work on the Integrated Fare Structure Study.
- Resolution No. 3723, Revised – Third Cycle SAFETEA STP/CMAQ policies and programming.

Planning Committee – Spering

The Commission unanimously approved the following:

- Resolution No. 3802 – Final Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report for the Transportation 2030 Plan.
- Resolution No. 3803 – Final Conformity Analysis for the Amendment to the Transportation 2030 Plan and 2007 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 07-06.

- Resolution No. 3804 – Final Amendment to the Transportation 2030 Plan.
- Resolution No. 3755, Revised – Federal 2007-TIP Amendment 07-06.

Legislation Committee – Rubin

The Commission unanimously approved the following position for pending legislation:

- Support of SB 264 (Alquist) – Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority: Authorization to Seek Voter Approval for a 0.125% Sales Tax.
- Oppose of H.R. 1984 (Baird) – Buy America.

CLOSED SESSION

At 11:10 a.m. Vice Chair Haggerty asked that the Commission meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to confer with counsel regarding the following litigation: (1) MTC v. Motorola, Inc., U.S. District Court, Northern District, Case No. C 06-2302 (MMC) and as authorized pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b) to confer with counsel regarding anticipated litigation and (2) Doellstedt v. Caltrans et al (Superior Court, Contra Costa, C 07-00711).

OPEN SESSION

The Commission reconvened in open session at 11:36 a.m. MTC General Counsel Francis Chin reported that there was no action taken in closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Commission received public comment from the following:

- Jerry Grace – announced that he received a gold medal at the Special Olympics.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

There being no further business or public comment, Commission Vice Chair Haggerty adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, 2007 in Oakland, California.

Scott Haggerty, Vice Chair